GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:814
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SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF UNORGANISED LABOUR SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the labour force in the unorganised labour sector and the details of the special schemes for the welfare of unorganised labour sector in India, State-wise;

(b) whether unorganised labour force in India are deprived of the basic privileges that should be accorded to the other labours;

(c) if so, whether the Government have initiated any programmes including provident fund facility for the betterment of the under-privileged, unorganised labourers in various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the fund pattern for the above said programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is annexed.
statement referred to in reply to Lok sabha unstarred question no. 814 dated 26.02.2001 by dr. v. saroja and shri p.d. elangovan regarding special schemes for welfare of unorganised labour sector.

(a) to (d): As per the survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation in the year 1993-94,total employment in both organised and unorganised sector in the country was of the order of 335 million. Out of this, around 27 million was in the organised sector and the balance 308 million in the unorganised sector. The details of State-wise unorganised labour force are given in the Annexure.

The Government have enacted a number of labour laws for the protection of workers` basic privileges and rights in both organised and unorganised sector. These include the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Payment of Gratutity Act, 1972, the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act,1970, the Bonded Labour System (ABOLITION) Act, 1976, the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 the Beedi Workers` Welfare Fund Act, 1976, Building and Other Construction Workers (regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, The Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1946, the Limestone and Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act,1972, the Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1976, the Cine Workers` Welfare Fund Act, 1981, etc. The workers employed in certain unorganised sectors like beedi, building and construction, poultry farming, agricultural farms, fruit gardens, cattle breeding, plantations of tea, coffee, rubber, cardamom, pepper, agarbatti/dhoop making, coir, tobacco, chutni making, katha making, brick industry etc. are covered for provident fund and pension schemes as admissible and provided under the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

The Government are also implementing a number of Plan Schemes like Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojna (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna (SGSY) etc. for the welfare and improvement of the conditions of rural unorganised labourers in the country..PA
ANNEXURE

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ESTIMATED TO BE WORKING IN UNORGANISED SECTOR, STATE-WISE AS ON 31.3.1994

State/UT	Number	State/UT	Number
Andhra Pradesh	32513	Rajasthan	17392
Assam	6047	Sikkim	163
Bihar	26857	Tamil Nadu	24365
Gujarat	15051	Tripura	834
Haryana	4249	Uttar Pradesh	45364
Himachal Pradesh	1999	A & N Island	74
Jammu & Kashmir	2269	West Bengal	20982
Karnataka	18550	Arunachal Pradesh+	410
Kerala	8935	Chandigarh	211
Madhya Pradesh	26883	Dadra & N. Haveli	58
Maharashtra	31366	Delhi	2686
Manipur	574	Goa	353
Meghalaya	918	Daman & Diu	33

Nagaland	288	Lakshadweep	16
Orissa	11689	Mizoram	255
Punjab	5832	Pondicherry	247

Total 307428

+ This is the total figure of workers in organised and unorganised sectors, Break-up of workers in organised and unorganised sector is not available.